

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Kazuaki OKUNO et al.) Confirmation No.: Unassigned
Application No.: NEW)
(National Stage of PCT/JP2004/014704) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.